



Story of Mecca: Seerah Until the Hijra

HST 101 | Spring, 2024

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Class Times: Thu. 6-9 PM (Rmdn: Sat. 2:30 – 4:30 PM)

Class Location: Quad Room, Plano Masjid

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 426 8641

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PREREQUISITES

Successful completion of *MRF 101 – Introduction to Learning the Sacred Sciences*. Students who have not fulfilled the prerequisite are welcome to audit this class. To see the audit policy, please visit:

<http://planomasjid.org/marifa/marifa-audit-policy>.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will be a study of the Seerah (biography) of the Prophet ﷺ, focusing on the Meccan period. This study will cover the introduction of the science of Seerah, its importance and benefit, the pre revelation era, the surrounding situations, the Prophet's lineage, and all the struggles he and his followers faced with their new founded faith until the migration to Madinah.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To gain an understanding of the context in which Islam was founded by studying the Makkan period.
- To foster a sense of relevance between our times and struggles with the early era of Islam.
- To develop and strengthen our love for the Prophet ﷺ.

TEXTBOOKS

1. **Required:** Mohiuddin, Meraj, Revelation: The Story of Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him.
2. **Recommended:** Sallaabee, Dr. Ali Muhammad, The Noble Life of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

CLASS POLICIES

1. Make every possible effort to be on time! Coming late or leaving early can leave you with misunderstandings about what is discussed during class. If you are late or absent, be sure to listen to the class recording before the next class.
2. You are expected to read the assigned portion of the textbook before coming to class.
3. You may use electronic devices in exclusively for class-related purposes. Cell phones must be silenced during class.
4. Use your full name during all Zoom sessions. Names that are not on the roster will be removed from the meeting.
5. All assignments must be submitted on time. No exceptions allowed.
6. No make-up exams will be permitted without a documented excuse. Students who miss an exam with a legitimate excuse must email me as soon as possible.

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Session	Reading Assignment Due
Jan-18	Session 1	Mohiuddin pages 43-56
Jan-25	Session 2	Mohiuddin pages 57-67
Feb-1	Session 3	Mohiuddin pages 67-76
Feb-8	Session 4	Mohiuddin pages 77-90
Feb-15	Session 5	Mohiuddin pages 91-102
Feb-22	Session 6 (Quiz #1)	Mohiuddin pages 103-112
Feb-29	Session 7	Mohiuddin pages 113-123
Mar-7	Session 8	Mohiuddin pages 124-133
Mar-16 (Sat)	Session 9	Mohiuddin pages 134-144
Mar-23 (Sat)	Session 10	Mohiuddin pages 145-153
Mar-30 (Sat)	Session 11(Quiz #2)	Mohiuddin pages 154-159
Apr-6 (Sat)	Session 12	Mohiuddin pages 160-166
Apr-18	Session 13	Mohiuddin pages 167-169
Apr-25	Session 14	Tying up loose ends
May 2nd (Last Day)	Presentations and Closing	

COURSE ASSESSMENT & GRADING

Evaluation Criteria:

Two Quizzes: (25% of total grade each quiz)

Quiz #1 Feb 22nd

Quiz #2 Mar 30th

Project Assignments: (25% of total grade each assignment)

Assignment One:

1. Letters to the Beloved. Due one week after assigned (look below)

Task: At the following four points in the course, compose a letter addressed to Rasulullah ﷺ. What would you say to him at this point in your study of the Seerah? What moved or inspired you about the events that transpired? What important lessons can you learn from him? ﷺ or what has transpired that you can apply to your own practice and understanding? There is no word requirement. Please speak from the heart. Begin each letter with "Dear RasulAllah..." Each letter will be due one week after the following chapters are completed.

1. End of Session 5
2. End of Session 8
3. End of Session 11
4. End of Session 13

Assignment Two:

2. Group Presentation. Due on last day of class.

Task: In a group consisting of 2-4 students, create a presentation which outlines and summarizes the significant events of the Seerah from this period. The presentation should consist of a creative visual display (poster board, Powerpoint, handouts etc.) and a 5-10 minute oral presentation. These will be presented on the final day of class.

Note: Your final grade must be higher than 70% in order to receive credit for this course.